

**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 244531US2 CONT

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Title IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS AND TONE QUALITY IMPROVING METHOD OF  
IMAGE FORMATION APPARATUS

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US PTO

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☒ Specification Total Sheets 126

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) Total Sheets 21

4. ☒ Oath or Declaration Total Pages 3

a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with box 17 completed)

i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in  
the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2) and  
1.33(b).

5. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer  
Program (Appendix)

6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification or Sequence Listing on:

i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

ii. ☐ Paper

c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

7. ☒ Assignment Papers recorded in Reel 013449/Frame  
0298

8. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

9. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of  
(when there is an assignee) Attorney

10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☒ Information Disclosure  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS  
Citations

12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ White Advance Serial No. Postcard

14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

15. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27

16. ☒ Other: Request for Priority

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below:

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no.: 10/189,232, filed July 5, 2002

Prior application information: Examiner: Joan H. Pendegrass

Group Art Unit: 2852

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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